

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claims 6-24 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 11-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,106,651. Without acceding to the correctness of the rejection, which Applicants believe is improper, Applicants are submitting with this amendment a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the '651 patent. Accordingly, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection has been overcome and Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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